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**FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**  
**SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

Jackson, Miss - Fredrico Hamblin, of Jackson, was sentenced in U.S. District Court today to serve 9 years in federal prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm, U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton announced today. He was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. Hamblin had previously pled guilty to the charge.

On October 4, 2007, Hamblin was arrested by agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) at his residence in Jackson. ATF was investigating statements made by Hamblin on a recent newscast. Hamblin made a statement to the media that he believed two to three individuals had attempted to break into his home and he retrieved a firearm and began to shoot at them. ATF learned Hamblin was a prior convicted felon and was unable to possess a firearm. A search warrant of Hamblin's residence revealed the same firearm used by Hamblin days prior, 103 rounds of ammunition and approximately 213 dosage units of ecstasy. Hamblin was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Frederico Hamblin has previously been convicted of two counts of Sale of Cocaine in Madison County and was still on probation at the time of his arrest.

This case is an example of federal and local law enforcement officers working together to get a dangerous criminal apprehended. The federal and local law enforcement agencies that participated in this are the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

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